

Article - Transportation

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§21-811.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Special event” means any automotive or motor vehicle event occurring on or in close proximity to a highway that:

(i) Has been permitted or approved by a unit of local government; or

(ii) Is expected to have 1,000 or more individuals in attendance, regardless of whether the event has been permitted or approved by a unit of local government.

(3) “Special event zone” means an area on or alongside a highway that is marked by appropriate warning signs or other traffic control devices designating that a special event is in progress.

(b) This section applies only in Worcester County.

(c) (1) The State Highway Administration may, on its own initiative or at the request of a local authority:

(i) Designate an area on a State highway as a special event zone; and

(ii) Reduce established speed limits in the special event zone after a determination that the change is necessary to ensure public safety.

(2) A local authority may:

(i) Designate an area on a highway under its jurisdiction as a special event zone; and

(ii) Reduce established speed limits in the special event zone after a determination that the change is necessary to ensure public safety.

(d) A speed limit established under this section shall become effective when posted.

(e) A person may not drive a motor vehicle at a speed exceeding the posted speed limit within a special event zone established in accordance with this section.

(f) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (e) of this section is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

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